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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN MEDIA COVERAGE AND COMMENT ON SECURITY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENTS RE SOUTH AFRICA

ZAMBIA'S TWO DAILY NEWSPAPERS BOTH REPORT AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG'S REMARKS STATING THAT THE TUESDAY SECURITY COUNCIL VETO AND SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WAS A "BAD EXPERIENCE FOR THE U.S." COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REMARKS IN BOTH PAPERS IS BRIEF. THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA BURIES THE STORY AT THE END OF A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE REPORTING ON SEVERAL OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL CARRIES THE STORY AT THE BOTTOM OF ITS FRONT PAGE UNDER A SMALL HEADLINE "VETO WAS A BAD EXPERIENCE - YOUNG." THE SAME STORY, HOWEVER, CONTAINS A REPORT ON REMARKS DELIVERED YESTERDAY BY MEMBER OF THE UNIP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MR. REUBEN KAMANGA WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID THAT IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT WHEN WESTERN COUNTRIES SPEAK OF DEMOCRACY THEY DO NOT MEAN THE SAME THING AS WHAT ZAMBIA AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDERSTAND AS DEMOCRACY. MR. KAMANGA IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE THREE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO CAST VETOES DID SO BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO HURT THEIR WHITE BROTHERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. MR. KAMANGA IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID: " BUT HOW DO THEY EXPECT THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME TO

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CHANGE FOR THE BETTER WHEN THE2 KEEP STANDING IN THE WAY OF THE
VERY RESOLUTION

THAT WOULD HAVE BROUGHT THE WHITES IN SOUTH
AFRICA TO THEIR SENSES."

TODAY'S ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL IS DEVOTED TO THE WESTERN
VETO OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL
TEXT OF THAT EDITORIAL:

WHEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME CRACKED DOWN ON THE OPPONENTS OF APARTHEID LAST MONTH, THE WESTERN COUNTRIES BLOCKED THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

AND THEY BLOCKED THE RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO PASS ON SOUTH AFRICA ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WHICH WOULD IN TURN HAVE WEAKENED THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME.

NO MATTER WHAT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WILL SAY, THE TRUOH IS THAT IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO CONVINCE THE AFRICAN PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA THAT THE MEASURES WERE IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS.

IT WILL ALSO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE THE AFRICANS THAT NO MATTER THZ OUTWARD POSTURE OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES, SOUTH AFRICA IS STILL A VERY STRONG ALLY OF THE WEST PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED ARE WHITE.

IT IS ALSO TRUE TO SAY THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES SAY, THEIR REJECTION OF APARTHEID AS A WAY OF LIFE IS NOT GENUINE. IT IS HYPOCRITICAL.

IT IS TRUE THAT COUNTRIES LIKE BRITAIN HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH RUN INTO OVER 1,000 MILLION POUNDS STERLING.

IT IS TRUE THAT COUNTRIES LIKE BRITAIN ARE OWED MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF POUNDS BY SOUTH AFRICA IN LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES.

IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT COUNTRIES LIKE FRANCE STILL HAVE OUTSTANDING ORDERS FROM THEIR CONTRACTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY HAVE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

BUT THE BRITISH INVESTMENTS AND LOANS AND THE FRENCH OUTSTANDING ORDERS ARE NOTHING IF THESE COUNTRIES WERE TRULY CONVINCED OF THE EVIL PRACTICE OF APARTHEID.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE BRITISH WILL BE ASSURED OF MORE INVESTMENTS AND THE FRENCH ASSURED OF MORE ORDERS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNDER AN APARTHEID-FREE SOUTH AFRICA.

THE SUPPORT WHICH THE WESTERN COUNTRIES GAVE TO SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH THE VETO OF THE AFRICAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL JUST DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE, FOR INSTANCE, OF THE AMERICAN SO-CALLED COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE SIMPLY BECAUSE ONE DOES NOT FIGHT ONE'S ENEMY BY HAVING SUPPER WITH HIM.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT BEHIND THE ATTACKS, SOUTH AFRICA NOW MAKES ON COUNTRIES LIKE ZAMBIA IS THE OPEN SUPPORT WHICH SOUTH AFRICA ENJOYS FROM COUNTRIES LIKE THE UNITED STATES OF WMERICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT EVEN RHODESIW'S INTRANSIGENCE IS MORE THE RESULT OF THE SUPPORT THE WHITES OF RHODESIA KNOW THEY WILL FINALLY ENJOY FROM THE WESTERN COUNTRIES.

IT IS SUCH ACTIONS LIKE THE SUPPORT WHICH SOUTH AFRICA GOT FROM THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHICH MAKE ONE LOOK WITH

SUSPICION AT EVEN THE PART PLAYED IN THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM BY THE WESTERN COUNTRIES.

WE HAVE SAID SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE FREEDOM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL ONLY COME THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT WHILE SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE MUST BE LOOKED UPON AS PURELY COMPLEMENTARY, BOTH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THE INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES MUST LOOK TO THEMSELVES FOR THEIR OWN DEFENCES.

IT IS NOW BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT WESTERN SUPPORT IS CALCULATED AND MOTIVATED AND BECAUSE IT IS CALCULATED AND MOTIVATED, IT MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON COMPLETELY. ITEM USIS LUSAKA.

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